

1 Pursuant to the direction in the Office Action, the Applicants have amended Claim 37 to  
2 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The description of the "type of gel  
3 used in the Kitecko Ultrasound Standoff Pad" at the time the original application was filed is  
4 identified in paragraph 8 of the attached Declaration of Alvin R. Zigman.

5 Claims 59 and 63 had been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of  
6 the parent claims and any intervening claims.

7 Claims 1, 2, 38, 40, 41, 50, 58, 60, 61, 62, 64, and 65 have been canceled pursuant to the  
8 Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals.

9 CONCLUSION

10 Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the prosecution of this  
11 patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the patent, as amended, is in condition for  
12 allowance.

13 Should there be any questions regarding the present invention or the remarks set forth above,  
14 the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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